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Keep the Good Sows.

The present satisfactory prices for hogs going over the scales are going to continue, if we may judge from the increased consumption that trade reports are giving us. The amount of fresh pork that will be used during the fall is not going to make the demand any the less. The surplus that was supposed to be in the country did not materialize, and packers were bewildered somewhat. Many farmers who have been tempted to dispose of their brood sows and everything else available for the packers are going to be forced to pay about as much for brood sow stuff this fall as they sold for. We have heard of a goodly number who are going to begin growing something better than just hogs for the scales. They have sold out the cheap sows after a few weeks feeding to good advantage and now will pick up from twenty to a hundred sows each of good breeding at fair prices thus get started cheaply and well in the growing of pure bred stuff for market toppers.—National Swine Magazine.

Col. J. L. Pace Has Resigned.

Higginsville, Mo., Sept.—The resignation of Col. J. L. Pace, superintendent of the Confederate Soldiers' Home here, was accepted by the board of managers. C. J. R. Walton, of Nevada, was unanimously chosen to fill his place. Colonel Pace has been in poor health, a wound received while with Shelby troubling him. His resignation will go into effect October 10. Colonel Pace has been superintendent of the home here eight years and has made many betterments there. Last January charges of improper conduct were preferred against him, but none was sustained.

Wrangle Over Junk Along Big Ditch.

While the big dredging machine of the Timothy Foohy & Son Dredging Co. was engaged in digging the big drainage ditch, numerous breakages of machinery were encountered, and many new pieces of machinery were installed, the old or broken parts being thrown to one side. When the ditch was completed, the Dixon Company of this city purchased the junk along the route of the ditch from Messrs. Foohy.

Mr. Dixon has had his junkers picking up the iron and hauling it to his yards in this city, and all went well until they reached the old Beall farm north of town, now owned by Mr. Lewis. When they entered his premises and hauled away the junk, he sued the men for stealing the same, and the matter will now have to be settled in court.—Rich Hill Review.

A White Sparrow.

The employees at the Missouri Pacific shops discovered a pure white sparrow flying about the shops. The bird is about the same size and similar to all other sparrows except its color. The men were unable to catch the mysterious little stranger but may be able to do so the next time it appears.—Nevada Mail.

Collar Bone Broken in Runaway.

Mr. Grisholm's team became frightened by a piece of tin blowing from the roof of W. T. Ballagh's new porch now in course of erection, and ran away this afternoon. Mr. G. was thrown out of the wagon and suffered a fracture of his collar bone. He resides in the Deerfield vicinity.—Nevada Mail.

BATES COUNTY SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

By County Supt. P. M. Allison.

Oak Grove school, in Deep Water township, has just completed a new concrete walk around their house, made a new porch and walk in front of the building, painted the house inside and out and fixed up in general. Their teacher has furnished the pupils with a list of books for next year and everything is in readiness for school. The improvement is due largely to the efforts of A. L. Gilmore. The teacher is Miss Lena Lawson, of that district. Miss Lawson is chairman of the reading circle work in her township and we feel quite sure she will do her best to make it a success.

Miss Myrtle Burch, of Pleasant Gap township, and one of the best teachers in the county was in Monday to see about the reading circle work of which she is chairman in her township and to find out the particulars concerning the spelling contests. One of Miss Burch's pupils won first prize in last year's contest and she is going to make the one that gets first this year do something if they win over her pupils. She has already had her meeting and cleaned up for school Monday, Sept. 6th.

Miss May Clark, of Nyhart, was in Tuesday and secured a list of high school books preparatory to entering school Monday. We are pleased to know that she expects to continue her work.

Miss Fowler, of Hickory county, came in Friday and went out to Redmond district, in Summit township where she will teach this year. Miss Fowler comes to us well recommended and no doubt will make a most successful teacher. She called at the superintendent's office for a course of study and such information as could be given concerning the work in the schools.

Misses Laura Bolin and Lyda Faulkner, two teachers of Pleasant Gap township, called at the Superintendent's office Friday relative to their certificates and to talk school work. We think, without a doubt, Pleasant Gap township has one of the most active and progressive teaching forces in the county. All but one has been in the office this week to ask questions concerning the work for this year and get any supplies that are ready for distribution.

Prof. M. E. Stewart, of Amoret, was in town Friday and called on the superintendent to find out about the reading circle work of which he is chairman in his township. Prof. Stewart was one time a teacher in this county, but of late years has been in Vernon county. We are pleased to have him with us again for he was one of our best teachers then, and those who know him say he has improved with age.

Mr. A. J. McGuire, of Fair Play district, was in Friday and ordered a slate black-board for their school. They have a good house and propose to furnish it with the best of equipment and then employ the best teachers to be obtained. They certainly have the right idea on school work.

Prof. W. F. Cox, of Cass county, was in Butler Friday taking examination for teachers certificate. Prof. Cox will teach smokey Row in Mingo township, for which he is to receive \$60 per month for an eight-months term. Such wages will always get good teachers and Smokey Row people are to be commended for this kind of a spirit. They expect to build a new house next year and have a good teacher if they do come a little high. They believe that the best is the cheapest as is true of school teachers as any thing else.

The following chairman were appointed in each township to manage reading circle work and such other meetings of teachers as may be necessary:

Mingo, Miss Iva Dale, Sept. 25th, 2 p. m. McKinley, Spruce, Miss Bertha Angle, Sept. 25th, 3 p. m. Johnston, Deep Water, Miss Lena Lawson, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. Spruce, Hudson, Mr. A. W. Conrad, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. Roy, Rockville, Mr. S. M. Gragg, no meeting called; Prairie, Miss Pearl Kemper, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. Papinville, Pleasant Gap, Miss Myrtle Burch, Sept. 21st, 7 p. m. Double Branch, Summit, Miss Stella Dale, 22nd, 7 p. m. S. Center, Grand River, Miss Kate Walker, Sept. 25th, 3 p. m. Altona, Deer Creek, Miss Floella McRoberts, Sept. 25th, 2 p. m. at Miss McRoberts' home; Mount, Miss Ida Dillon, Sept. 25th, 3 p. m. Mt. Zion, Mt. Pleasant, Mr. A. L. Ives, 18th, 3 p. m. no meeting called; Osgood, Mr. L. F. Robinson, Sept. 24th, 7 p. m. West School Building, Rich Hill; New Home, Miss Nellie March, Sept. 24th, 7 p. m. Home School House, Charlotte, Mr. J. C. Crosswhite, Sept. 25th, 2 p. m. Virginia, Elkhart, Miss Ella McCane, Sept. 22nd, 7 p. m. P. Valley, East Boone, Miss Isaac Asker, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. Burdette, West Boone, Mr. S. E. Smith, Sept. 17th, 7 p. m. Marwin, West Point, Mr. T. J. Wheeler, Sept. 24th, 7 p. m. Amersham, Homer, Mr. M. E. Stewart, Sept. 25th, 3 p. m. Amoret, Walnut, Mr. W. P. Kinton, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. Poplar, Howard, Sprague, Mr. H. O. Maxey, Sept. 18th, 3 p. m. at home of Mr. Maxey; Howard, Home, Mr. E. E. Stewart, no time set for meeting.

Charged With Attempted Assault

The Charles Starr case, charged with attempted assault upon Dixie Anderson, a niece of his wife, which was called at Rich Hill on Monday, was transferred to Butler on a change of venue and the date fixed for the 14th of the month.

The facts of the case, so far as we can gather them are about as follows: Charley Starr went over to Rich Hill on Wednesday and took the little girl, only about 13 years of age, to the home of his father, John Starr, in Lone Oak township, where he and his wife are stopping. W. A. Allen, living in east Rich Hill, who was on the river that day fishing, returned to town late in the evening and notified the girl's relatives that he had witnessed an attempt on the part of Starr to injure the girl and had responded to her cry for help and compelled the man to desist. The brother of the girl drove to Starr's home that night and returned to Rich Hill with the girl, who swore out a state warrant for Starr's arrest, which was served by Constable Stangle and Sheriff Bullock. John Starr, who is an old and highly respected citizen of this county, while in Butler Saturday told a Times man that he was at home when his son and the girl arrived. That both were in a happy mood and the girl's clothing were not torn or ruffled in any manner indicating a scuffle. That after a pleasant evening the family retired and about 11 o'clock he was aroused by the telephone and some one wanted to talk to Dixie. That he called the girl and after a conversation at the phone, where the girl answered yes and no and mentioned Butler, she returned to bed. About two o'clock he was aroused and went out to find the girl's brother and another party, who told Mr. Starr they were driving to Butler and wanted his sister to go with them. The next he knew of the matter was when the sheriff and constable came to serve the warrant on Charly, when he heard of the charges for the first time. It is very serious charge against a young man of good family, who has heretofore borne a most excellent reputation, and the judgment of the people will be reserved until the final hearing of the case, when all the evidence is given.

A Creed For the Discouraged.

I believe that God created me to be happy, to enjoy the blessings of life, to be useful to my fellow beings, and an honor to my country.

I believe that the trials which beset me today are but the fiery tests by which my character is strengthened and made worthy to enjoy the higher things of life, which I believe are in store for me.

I believe that my soul is too grand to be crushed by defeat; I will rise above it.

I believe that I am the architect of my own fate; therefore

I will be master of circumstances and surroundings, not their slave.

I will not yield to discouragements; I will trample them under foot and make them serve as stepping stones to success. I will conquer my obstacles and turn them into opportunities.

My failures of today will help to guide me on to victory on the morrow.

The morrow will bring new strength, new hopes, new opportunities and new beginnings. I will be ready to meet it with a brave heart, a calm mind and an undaunted spirit in all things will I do my best and leave the rest to the Infinite.

I will not waste my mental energies by useless worry. I will learn to dominate my restless thoughts and look on the bright side of things.

I will face the world bravely, I will not be a coward. I will assert my God-given birthright and be a man.

For I am immortal and nothing can overcome me.—Virginia Opal Myers in New Idea Magazine.

Motor Car Destroyed.

A farmer by the name of Murray, living in the Garden City neighborhood, has been the proud possessor of an automobile, which he has been using in gathering milk and cream on a milk route in that section, but last Sunday night some unknown party or parties entered the building in which the machine was stored, stole the car, ran it down the road about a quarter of a mile, and there set fire to it. Mr. Murray knew nothing of his loss until the next morning, when the charred embers were found in the road. The machine was a total loss. The outrage has aroused considerable feeling in the neighborhood and there is no question but that the guilty parties will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, should their identity be ascertained.—Cass Co. Leader.

The Old Settlers' 13th Annual Reunion

To Be Held in Court Yard Park, Butler

Wednesday, Sept. 29, 1909

President—Wm. E. Walton.
Vice-Pres.—J. N. Barrows.
Treasurer—T. L. Petty.
Secretary—O. D. Austin.
Marshal—W. J. Bullock.

PROGRAM:
Music by Cornet Band.
Morning exercises will commence promptly at 10 o'clock.
Invocation by Rev. O. E. Vivion.
Song by Choir and Glee Club.
Welcome Address by Pres. Walton.
Response by W. O. Atkeson.
Music by Band.
Dinner.

AFTERNOON:
Members of Association to meet in the Circuit Court room promptly at 1:30 p. m. for the election of officers and the transaction of Association business.
2:00 p. m.—Music by Cornet Band.
Speech by Hon. D. A. DeArmond.
Song by Glee Club.

SPEAKERS:
John T. Smith writes from Livingston, Mont., that he will be with us if possible and address the Old Settlers.

Five-minute speeches will be made by the following: Vice-Pres. J. N. Barrows, Dr. E. E. Gilmore, Col. Seth E. Cope, Pierce Hackett, J. B. Newberry, W. C. Hedden and others.

The following prizes will be awarded; and all persons competing must be present and register with the Secretary, who will be found in the northeast basement room in the court house.

Persons who have heretofore received premiums are barred from further contest in same class.

1st—To the white man who has resided in Bates county the longest time, \$3.00 hat.

2d—To the white woman who has resided in Bates county the longest time, \$3.00 dress pattern.

3d—To the oldest man in Bates county, a fine rocking chair.

4th—To the oldest woman in Bates county, a fine rocking chair.

5th—To the first white man born in Bates county at present a resident of the county, a \$3.00 hat.

6th—To the first white woman born in Bates county at present a resident of the county, a fine carving set.

7th—To the first couple married in Bates county and living together, two arm-chairs.

8th—To the oldest man born in Bates county since the Civil War who has resided here continuously since, a \$3.00 hat.

9th—To the oldest lady born in Bates county since the Civil War who has resided here continuously since, a set of Roger's 1847 silver teaspoons.

10th—To oldest man who served in the Confederate army during the Civil War, a fine cane.

11th—To the oldest man who served in the Federal army during the Civil War, a fine cane.

12th—To the oldest colored man born a slave and an actual resident of Bates county, a sack of Power Bros. best flour.

13th—To the oldest colored woman born a slave and a resident of Bates county, \$1.00 worth of sugar.

14th—Old fashioned fiddlers contest. No notes. 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; 3d, \$1.

15th—Old men's foot race 150 feet by men over 70 years old, 1st, \$3; 2d, \$2; 3d, \$1.

16th—To the lady 16 or over who throws base ball farthest: 1st, \$1; 2d, 50c; 3d, 25c.

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WHY EPHRAIM

WANTED TO QUIT.

He Feared the Cow Had Been
Giving Away Some of
Their Secrets.

From the New York Morning Telegraph.

Ephraim was the hired man who attended to the horse, chickens and cow of a Southern doctor. His most important duty was the milking, but for some reason the cow did not seem to produce as much as she should. When questioned Ephraim could not account for it, but his master, who was somewhat of an amateur ventriloquist, decided that he would hide in the barn when Ephraim drew the evening's milk.

Just as the darky had finished his job the cow turned her head toward him, and at the moment the physician projected his voice until there seemed to come from the cow's mouth the startling remark:

"Say, nigger, you ain't goin' ter steal the milk again to-night, are you?"

Ephraim dropped the pail, and with a wild yell fled from the barn.

Later in the evening he came to the doctor's office.

"Marse John," he said, "would you-all min' givin' me mah wages? Ah done want tuh quit."

"Why, what's the trouble, John?" asked the doctor. "Aren't you satisfien with your place here?"

"Deed Ah am, boss," replied the darky, "but Ah jus' natchally feels Ah ought to be on mah way. Yes, you-all done treated me fine. Ah ain't got no kick, but Ah jus' has tuh be goin', dat's all."

Not being averse to losing the man, the doctor paid him, wished him well and turned with a chuckle to his work. At the door Ephraim halted, hesitated a moment and then said:

"Marse John, Ah've always done mah wo'k satisfactory, sin't I? No-body never done complained about me, did they?"

"Why, of course not, John. We've

all been satisfied. Why?"

"Well, boss," ejaculated the darky, "den all Ah wants is if dat fool cow comes snoopin' 'round' tellin' lies about me dat you won't believe her!"

Hades on the River.

Henry Burkhardt, of the Fayette Advertiser, says he paid a recent visit to Hades and worse still, his hell was afloat. Henry joined Old Nick in St. Louis unintentionally, taking a "family" boat for an excursion on the river. All kind of boozing and gambling and general cussedness was rampant on the boat, and Henry says that Hot Springs is a Sunday School convention in comparison. The policeman on board was there only to stop fights. Men, women and children joined in the debauchery. For this condition of affairs Gov. Hadley's police board in St. Louis is responsible. A boat leaving St. Louis is under the jurisdiction of St. Louis, until it arrives at its destination. If things are as bad as the Advertiser paints them, the Governor should take a hand and make the family excursions at least respectable for a St. Louis family.

MILITIA ALLOTMENTS OUT.

Missouri Gets \$116,000, Kansas \$59,000 and Oklahoma \$40,000.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Four million dollars, appropriated by Congress for the militia, has been allotted among the several states and territories by Lieut. Col. E. M. Weaver of the general staff corps of the army, who is chief of the division of militia. The enlisted strength of the militia, as shown by tables prepared by Colonel Weaver, is 109,761, and the allotments under various heads include \$1,472,250 for arms equipment and camp purposes; \$480,750 for promotion of rifle practice; \$628,564 for ammunition and \$970,653 for supplies.

The allotments for the states and territories in round numbers include the following: Missouri, \$116,000; Kansas, \$59,000; Nebraska, \$45,000; Oklahoma, \$40,000.